



Rock Creek Park

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Schedule of Events

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Pokey, the Nature Center's charismatic box turtle turns 20 this summer. Join us as we celebrate his birthdays. Birthdays? We will celebrate Egg Day June 20 and Hatch Day in August. June 6 is National Trails Day and you can join one of several hikes or walks in the park.

Weekly Programs

Wednesdays

- **Young Planetarium** 4:00 p.m. at the Nature Center Children are invited to explore the night sky and listen to star stories. **Ages 4 and older.**

Fridays

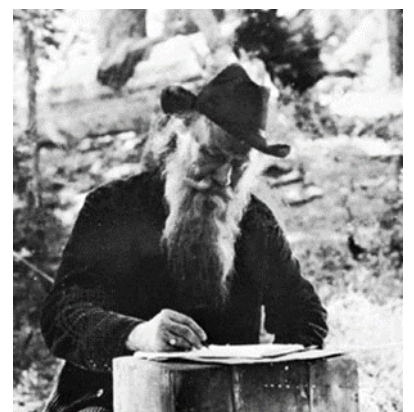
- **Creature Feature** 4:00 p.m. at the Nature Center Children of all ages are invited to learn about Rock Creek Park's wild critters during this interactive program featuring live turtles and snakes. **All ages.**

Saturdays and Sundays

- **Spring Night Sky** 1:00 p.m. at the Nature Center Discover tonight's brightest stars, planets and constellations and hear their stories in the Rock Creek Park planetarium. **Ages 5 and older.**
- **Exploring the Universe** 4:00 p.m. at the Nature Center Explore the solar system, Milky Way, and deep space objects in this high-tech planetarium program. **Ages 7 and older.**

Sundays

- **Poetry in the Park: The Joaquin Miller Poetry Series** 2:30 p.m. at the Nature Center Join The Word Works in the Rock Creek Nature Center Auditorium and listen to original poetry each Sunday afternoon in June and July. **Ages 14 and older.**



Special Programs

Saturday, June 6

- **Georgetown Waterfront Walk** 10:30 a.m. at the Georgetown Waterfront Park A relaxing walk at the Georgetown Waterfront Park, to various local overlooks, sharing the history of how Georgetown went from an active port town to a vibrant community. **Age 7 and older.**
- **Rock Creek Park Civil War Round Table: Women Soldiers of the Civil War** 9:45 a.m. at the Nature Center Historian Bruce Fagin will explore an often overlooked response to the Civil War. An undetermined number of women assumed male aliases, disguised themselves in men's uniforms, and fought battles as Union and Confederate soldiers. **Ages 10 and older.**
- **125th Celebration Hike** 2:00 p.m. at the Nature Center Rock Creek Park turns 125 this year. This 2-mile hike explores our past 125 years and ponders the next 125 years. **Ages 7 and older.**

- **Exploring the Sky** 9:00 p.m. at Military Field (Picnic Grove 13 Parking Lot on Glover Road near Military Road NW) Explore the night sky through the lens of a telescope. The National Capital Astronomers Association and Rock Creek Park invite you to a friendly hour of stargazing. Cloud cover or rain cancels the event. **Ages 6 and older.**

Sunday, June 7

- **Nature Arts and Crafts** 10:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. at the Nature Center Calling all kids: join park staff for creative fun. Pokey's 20 birthday celebration starts later this month. In his honor today's activities will be making box turtle crafts. Pokey himself will act as your model for inspiration. **All Ages.**

Saturday, June 13

- **Run of the Mill** 11:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. at Peirce Mill See the 2,000 pound millstones convert corn to cornmeal using that good old fashioned renewable energy of water. Miller Jeanne and the Friends of Peirce Mill invite you to discover Washington DC's only surviving gristmill in action. Be sure to explore the exhibits at Peirce Barn next door as well. **All Ages.**
- **Pokey in the Park** 11:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. at Peirce Mill Leading up to Pokey's 20th birthday celebration, Pokey will visit various sites in Rock Creek Park. Visit Pokey and learn why Rock Creek Park is a stronghold for box turtles in Washington D.C. **All ages.**

Sunday, June 14

- **Ranger Reads** 2:00 p.m. at the Nature Center Staff will read *Box Turtle at Long Pond* a day in the life of a wild box turtle. Pokey of course will make a guest appearance. **Ages 3 and older.**

Saturday, June 20

Egg Day 10:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. at the Nature Center We are not sure of the exact day, but about 20 years ago Pokey's egg was laid. Help Celebrate Egg Day!

- 10:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. **Nature Arts and Crafts** Calling all kids: join park staff for creative fun. In Pokey's honor we will be making box turtle crafts. **All Ages.**
- 10:30 a.m. **Turtle Obstacle Course** Put on a turtle shell and see how fast you can move. Remember to wear your play clothes! **Ages 4-8**
- 11:30 a.m. **Ranger Reads** Staff will read *Box Turtle at Long Pond* a day in the life of a wild box turtle. **Age 3 and older.**
- 12:30 p.m. **Find Pokey a Worm** Pokey can't eat cake so lets help find his favorite food. WORMS! **Age 4 and older.**
- 1:30 p.m. **Pokey Dance Competition** Pokey gets excited when he sees his favorite foods. Can you move like Pokey? **Competition open to kids of all ages 9 days to 999 years.**

Sunday, June 21

- **Georgetown Waterfront Walk** 10:30 a.m. at the Georgetown Waterfront Park A relaxing walk at the Georgetown Waterfront Park, to various local overlooks, sharing the history of how Georgetown went from an active port town to a vibrant community. **Age 7 and older.**

Saturday, June 27

- **Run of the Mill** 11:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. at Peirce Mill See the 2,000 pound millstones convert corn to cornmeal using that good old fashioned renewable energy of water. Miller Jeanne and the Friends of Peirce Mill invite you to discover Washington D.C.'s only surviving gristmill in action. Be sure to explore the exhibits at Peirce Barn next door as well. **All Ages.**
- **Pokey in the Park** 11:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. at Georgetown Waterfront Park Leading up to Pokey's 20th birthday celebration, Pokey will visit various sites in Rock Creek Park. Visit Pokey and learn why Rock Creek Park is a stronghold for box turtles in Washington D.C.

Sunday, June 28

- **Fort DeRussy Hike** 2:30 p.m. at the Nature Center Come out for a short 1-mile hike to Fort DeRussy with Ranger Aaron to explore the life of a Civil War soldier. **Age 7 and older.**